

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 18, 23, 24, 27 through 47, 49, 52, 54 and 56 through 71 continue to be in the case.

Claims 19 through 23, 25, 26, 48, 50, 51, 53 and 55 are being cancelled.

New claims 72 through 82 are being submitted.

New claims 72 through 76 are based on Fig. 5 and to some extent on Fig. 6.

New claims 77 through 81 are based on Fig. 7 and to some extent on Fig. 8.

New claims 82 and 83 are based on Fig. 7 and to some extent on Fig. 8.

The Office Action refers to Claim Objections

Claims 26-68 stand objected to because of the following informalities: The claims are labeled as "new", when they are in fact "previously presented". Appropriate correction is required.

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Applicant has considered the claim labels and has provided corrections accordingly.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-69,71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Gauseimann (DE 196 24 321 A1), Bridgeman et al. (US 5,033,744) and further in view of Horan (US 4,647,604). For purposes of this action, Examiner will use the patent (USPN 6,089,980) as a translation of DE 196 24 321 A1. All citations will be made with reference to locations in the US Patent.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection with the previously submitted Arguments. Applicant is also submitting 12 new claims.

Reconsideration of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. All claims as presently submitted are deemed to be in form for allowance and on early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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